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1. PROPOSED SLT ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR MEETING APRIL 8 WAS TRANSMITTED TO MFA/COMMERCE OFFICIAL HANS EWERLOF. ROLF GRADIN OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY WILL REPRESENT CONFIDENTIAL

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SWEDEN.

2. AT MEETING APRIL 2 REQUESTED BY EWERLOF, HE INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH HANDLING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MARCH 19 ON MINIMUM PRICE ISSUE WHICH SWEDEN COULD

NOT ACCEPT AND ON WHICH SWEDEN ABSTAINED FROM VOTING. HE WAS PLEASED ALSO WITH OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS ENDERS IRIOR TO MEETING AND WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING OF SWEDISH DIFFICULTIES WITH THE MINIMUM PRICE CONCEPT. HE ADDED THAT THE MEETINGS WHICH AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE HAD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON AND WITH COMMERCE MINISTER KJELL-OLOF FELDT ON THIS MATTER WERE UNDOUBTEDLY OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN THIS RESPECT. EWERLOF AGAIN REPEATED WELL-KNOWN SWEDISH VIEW THAT SWEDEN AGREED AITH OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPING ENERGY ON ACCELERATED BASIS AND DIFFERED ONLY WITH RESPECT TO MEANS TO ARRICE AT THE OBJECTIVES. SWEDEN, HE SAID, DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING THESE MATTERS.

- 3. ON THE QUESTION OF SWEDISH POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES, IN LIGHT OF HER ABSTENTION FROM VOTING, EWERLOF SAID THAT IN THE IROTOCOL THE SWEDISH VIEWS AR ECLEARLY STATED. HE DID NOT WISH TO GET INTO LEGAL TECHNICALITIES, ALTHOUGH ARTICLE 61 OF IEA AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED IN A LIMITED SESSION DURING THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. SWEDEN'S POSITION, HE SAID, IS TO LEAVE THE TECHNICAL QUESTION UNCLEAR; IF THE QUESTION SHOULD ARISE, SWEDEN WILL THEN HAVE TO DECIDE. HE HOPED THE ISSUE COULD BE KEPT DORMANT FOR THE TIME BEING
- 4. SWEDISH ACCESSION TO IEA IS NOW BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT BUT IT IS PART OF AN ENERGY BILL PRESENTED ON MARCH 10. IF IEA DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF MAY 1 IS ADHERED TO, GOS MAY NEED TO TRY TO SEPARATE IEA ASPECTS OF THE BILL FROM THE ENERGY BILL. HE THOUGHT THAT IEA NEMBERSHIP DEADLINE, IF IT COULD BE EXTENDED ONE MONTH, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SWEDISH CONSIDERATION IN PARLIAMENT. EWERLOF HAD NO ESTIMATE OF WHEN IEA MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE FORMALLY APPROVED, IT IT WERE A PART OF ENERGY BILL.

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- 5. ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING, EWERLOF THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO LIMIT IEA MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION. SWEDEN, FOR ONE, HE SAID, WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE AND HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE ONE COUNTRY REPRESENT IT.
- 6. ACTION REQUESTED. IS THERE LIKELIHOOD THAT IEA

| MEMBERS IP DEADLINE OF MAY 1 MAY BE EXTENDED? STRAUSZ-HUPE | |
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